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FOLLOWING REPEAT SAN SALVADOR 0897 ACTION SECSTATE SAN JOSE
LIMA BRASILIA INFO MANAGUA PANAMA TEGUCIGALPA 19 FEB
QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L SAN SALVADOR 0897

FOR ASST. SECRETARY ROGERS FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJ: SECRETARY'S VISIT: MEETING OF CENTRAL AMERICAN FOREIGN
MINISTERS WITH SECRETARY

REF: (A) SAN JOSE 0839, (B) SAN SALVADOR 0860

1. I CALLED ON FONMIN BORGONOVO AT 8:30 AM FEB 19 TO
INFORM HIM THAT IT WAS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE COSTA
RICAN GOVERNMENT WAS CALLING OFF THE ANTICIPATED MEETING
OF CA PRESIDENTS AND WAS PROPOSING, INSTEAD, A MEETING OF
CA FOREIGN MINISTERS PRESUMABLY WITH THE IDENTICAL SCHEDULE
OF EVENTS THAT HAD BEEN PLANNED FOR THE PRESIDENTS, INCLUDING
THE BILATERALS WITH THE SECRETARY. I ALSO DELIVERED A
SPANISH TRANSLATION OF THE SECRETARY CARABALLEDA SPEECH
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AND DISCUSSED THE HIGHLIGHTS WITH HIM. HE SAID HE HAD

READ THE ENGLISH TEXT WE SENT YESTERDAY AND WOULD PASS THE SPANISH TEXT TO PRESIDENT MOLINA.

2. BORGONOVO SAID THAT HE STILL HAD NOT HEARD FROM FONMIN FACIO OR ANY OTHER GOCR OFFICIAL ABOUT THIS NEW PROPOSAL FOR A FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING TO BE HOSTED BY THE GOCR. HE MADE A POINT OF DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN GOING TO SAN JOSE AS A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF HIS PRESIDENT (THE PREVIOUS PROPOSAL WHICH HE HAD DISCUSSED WITH FACIO DURING THE LATTER'S VISIT HERE) AND GOING THERE IN HIS OWN RIGHT TO ATTEND A MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS, THE APPARENT NEW PROPOSAL. IN ORDER TO CLARIFY THE INTENTIONS OF THE GOCR, HE TELEPHONED FACIO IN MY PRESENCE.

3. BORGONOVO DISCUSSED WITH FACIO THE PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MEETING AND URGED FACIO TO CABLE IMMEDIATELY ALL OF THE CENTRAL AMERICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS TO INVITE THEM TO THE MEETING AND TO GIVE THEM ALL THE DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED PROGRAM TO ASSURE ATTENDANCE AND TO AVOID COMPLICATIONS. FACIO AGREED TO DO SO AT ONCE. BORGONOVO TOLD FACIO THAT HE WOULD PLAN TO ARRIVE THE EVENING OF FEB. 23 AND, SINCE FACIO WAS MAKING ATTENDANCE OF THAT EVENING'S RECEPTION OPTIONAL TO THE VISITING FOREIGN MINISTERS, HE MIGHT OPT TO REGRET SINCE HE HAD SOME PRIVATE BUSINESS TO ATTEND TO THAT EVENING IN SAN JOSE. APPARENTLY FACIO TOLD HIM THAT TIME WOULD NOT PERMIT A MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS ON THE MORNING OF FEB. 24 PRECEDING THE PLANNED BILATERALS; BUT HE WAS THINKING OF HOLDING SUCH A MEETING AFTER SECRETARY KISSINGER'S DEPARTURE.

4. AFTER I RETURNED TO THE EMBASSY I TELEPHONED AMB. TODMAN IN SAN JOSE TO RELAY THE INFORMATION IN THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPHS AND TO SUGGEST THAT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO ASSURE THAT FACIO DISPATCHED THE CABLES TO THE CA FOREIGN MINISTERS. I ALSO EXPRESSED TO HIM MY UNCERTAINTY ABOUT WHETHER THE SECRETARY HAD CONCURRED IN THE PROPOSED BILATERALS WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTERS IN THE NEW CONTEXT OF A MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS RATHER THAN A MEETING OF PRESIDENTS; AND WHETHER THE PRESENCE OF US AMBASSADORS WAS STILL DESIRED. AMB. TODMAN SURMISED THAT THE BILATERALS

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WOULD TAKE PLACE AND THAT US AMBASSADORS WOULD BE PRESENT; BUT HE RECOGNIZED THAT THE SECRETARY'S CONCURRENCE WAS NOT YET A MATTER OF RECORD.

5. IN THE EARLY AFTERNOON OF FEB 19, AMBASSADOR TODMAN TELEPHONED ME TO INFORM ME THAT HE HAD ASCERTAINED FROM FONMIN FACIO THAT THE CABLES HAD GONE OUT TO THE CA FOREIGN MINISTERS. HE ALSO TOLD ME THAT HE HAD JUST BEEN NOTIFIED

THAT AMB. RYAN HAD INFORMED HIM THAT THE RESPECTIVE US
AMBASSADOR'S PRESENCE WAS DESIRED.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: IN OUR CONVERSATION, BORGONOVO
RAISED THE QUESTION OF WHO WOULD BE PRESENT AT THE BILATERRALS
FROM THE US BESIDES SECRETARY KISSINGER. I TOLD HIM
ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS AND I WOULD ALSO BE ON HAND.
HE EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO HAVE WITH HIM THE SALVADORAN
AMBASSADOR TO THE US FRANCISCO BERTRAND GALINDO (NOW
IN SAN SALVADOR), AND POSSIBLY ONE OTHER ADVISER. I WOULD
APPRECIATE KNOWING SOONEST WHETHER WE PERCEIVE ANY
PROBLEMS WITH BORGONOVO'S HAVING BERTRAND GALINDO AND
POSSIBLY ONE OTHER SALVADORAN OFFICIAL ACCOMPANY HIM.
BORGONOVO EXPECTS ME TO REPLY TO HIM SOUNDING TOMORROW
BEFORE NOON. CAMPBELL UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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